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TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: POL INTERNAL AFFAIRS SLOT

1. HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT FOR VERY STRONGLY FELT PERSONAL FAMILY REASONS, KULICK WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT IN SUMMER 1978. THERE IS, HOWEVER, REASONABLE LIKELIHOOD HE COULD BE AVAILABLE SUMMER 1979. HAVE QUICKLY REVIEWED LIST OF FSO-4S STILL UNASSIGNED FROM THIS SUMMER SEASON FOR INDIVIDUAL WHO MIGHT BE ABLE IMMEDIATELY TO ENTER HEBREW COURSE AT FSI ENDING JUNE 1978. (COURSE BEGAN AUGUST 22, AND SUCH PERSON WOULD HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR IT FORTHWITH.) LIST IS VERY SHORT, AND NONE OF BACKGROUNDS COMMENDS PERSON. ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH BACKGROUND NOT WHOLLY IRRELEVANT AND KNOWN BY REPUTATION AS MODERATELY PROMISING OFFICER WAS PANELLED

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TODAY FOR WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT TO START IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. YOUR AND AMBASSADOR'S OPTIONS SEEM TO ME TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ASK ROTKLEIN TO COMPLETE HIS TOUR, SCHEDULED TO END SUMMER 1980.

B. ASK ROTKLEIN TO REMAIN UNTIL SUMMER 1979 AND TRY TO

NAIL DOWN KULICK TO COME THEN.

C. HAVE ME INQUIRE INFORMALLY AND CONDITIONALLY OF OFFICER MENTIONED PARA ONE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, WHETHER HE MIGHT BE SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTED IN ROTKLEIN SLOT TO SEEK TO BREAK HIS ASSIGNMENT WHICH WAS PANELLED TODAY. THERE IS OF COURSE NO CERTAINTY THIS COULD BE DONE. HE IS MARTIN JACOBS, WHO AS REGISTER SHOWS SPEAKS FRENCH AND AFRIKAANS AND, MORE RELEVANT, HAS STUDIED AMHARIC. I DO NOT KNOW HIM BUT AM TOLD BY ANOTHER FSO-4 (WHO IS HIMSELF OUTSTANDING OFFICER) THAT JACOBS DID EXCELLENT JOB IN UN/P DURING TOUR HE AND JACOBS SHARED THERE A FEW YEARS AGO.

D. THROW EMBASSY AT MERCIES OF PERSONNEL SYSTEM TO FLUSH OUT SOME FSO-4 CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO ENTER HEBREW COURSE IMMEDIATELY.

3. FOR OPTIONS B AND ESPECIALLY C AND D, PROMPT CABLE FROM AMBASSADOR TO PERSONNEL WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO ARRANGE CURTAILMENT OF ROTLKEIN TOUR.

4. ON ANOTHER PERSONNEL MATTER: JOSIAH ROSENBLATT WHO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL END BASIC COURSE IN OCTOBER IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED FOR VARIETY OF POSSIBLE INITIAL ASSIGNMENTS BESIDES TEL AVIV. PER CAN ONLY HELP US DIRECT ROSENBLATT TO TEL AVIV IF YOU WILL INDICATE WHAT ASSURANCES YOU HAVE IN DEPARTMENT THAT HE SHOULD COME TO TEL AVIV. VANCE

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